

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 12, lines 32-33, please replace: "Application Serial No. 08/042,168" with: -- U.S. Patent No. 5,712,989 --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 88 and 89.

Please amend the following claims:

1 ~~79~~. (Amended) An electronic sourcing system comprising:

at least two [vendor] product catalogs containing data relating to items associated with the respective [vendors] sources;

means for selecting the [vendor] product catalogs to search;

means for searching for matching items among the selected [vendor] product catalogs;

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means for building a requisition using data relating to selected matching items and their associated [vendor(s)] source(s); [and]

means for processing the requisition to generate one or more purchase orders for the selected matching items[.];
and

means for determining whether a selected matching item is available in inventory.

2 ~~80~~. (Amended) The electronic sourcing system of claim ~~79~~ wherein the purchase orders include data relating to a [vendor] catalog number for the selected matching items.

3 ~~81~~. (Amended) An electronic sourcing system comprising: